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Sanders et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
ASSEMBLING REFASTENABLE  
ABSORBENT GARMENTS

Examiner: To be assigned

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and

made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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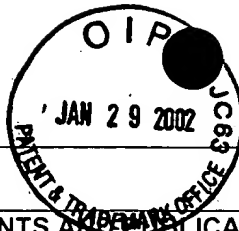
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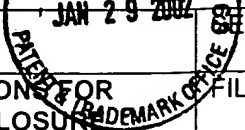
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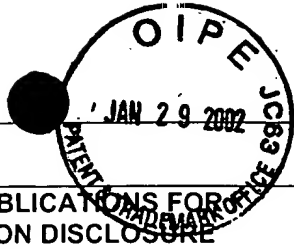
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